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# AN OPEN LETTER

TO THE—President of the United States Hon. Lyndon B. Johnson,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives Hon. John W. McCormack,  
And to Members of the United States Congress.

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DEAR SIR:

On January 27, 1966, I turned—by AN OPEN LETTER, published in the newspaper the "NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE" (mainpart page #8)—to YOU with petition to induce the settlement of my vital matters and for help. I explained in this letter my very serious and difficult situation.

The fact that I am forced to draw your attention to my matters once more, is very embarrassing for me. But in view of the fact that I did not even receive a reply to my letter since January 27, 1966, I have to repeat my petition respectively the contents of my last OPEN LETTER to you once again:

Five years ago, on JANUARY 12, 1961 I entered the United States with my husband (via: MATS, MIL, AP, DOVER) after on January 4, 1961, the RIGHT of political Asylum was granted to us by authorized representatives of the United States Government in the U.S. CONSULATE-GEN. in WEST-BERLIN. I was forced to flee with my husband to the UNITED STATES for reasons of his voluntarily service for the national security of the U.S.A. and its western Allies, as stated by the CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY in the Memorandum of I&N SERVICE in re: H.R. 5507, that my husband: has collaborated with the GOVERNMENT in an outstanding manner and under circumstances which have involved grave personal risk. He continues to make major contributions to the national security of the United States. His primary motivation in offering to work with the GOVERNMENT has been and remains his desire to counter the menace of SOVIET COMMUNISM."

Because of our departure 9 members of my Family who were living in BERLIN, found themselves in a very difficult situation, and they were during January 1961 evacuated by the authorized representative of the U.S. GOVERNMENT, from BERLIN into WEST GERMANY, where they are living up to this day.

For reasons as contained in my following last letters, sent to HON. R. F. FARRELL, Commissioner of I&N and to the HON. M. A. FEIGHAN, House of Representatives, I find myself — here in the United States — in a very serious and difficult situation, which compels me to this open letter. During the last 24 months more than 20 registered letters, were sent from my husband as well as from some attorneys at law and myself; all of these letters show the same contents, that we are asking for help and for a settlement of our problems. I am very sorry to have to state that in spite of all these efforts and petitions there are no results up to this day.

I can not accept as a response to me, such a letter of the U.S. I&N S., as I received on January 20, 1966 signed by Ass. Commissioner M. T. NOTO. This letter dated January 19, 1966, sent to me with just my rightful family name on the envelope, was addressed in the text by a name, which never was mine. Said letter contained certain contradictions as well as some repetitions of arbitrary decisions, and had no value for want of attitude to many principal matters.

Incidentally the Congressman, Hon. Michael A. FEIGHAN did not give me any answer to my letter, although I called four times his office and sent him a telegram one week later.

To date I am still without any reply of the HON. FEIGHAN.

In consideration of my poor health condition, the blood disease of my husband and in interest of our in the meantime born daughter I am forced now in this way to bring our matters to the attention of the United States Government.

In view of the foregoing I am asking herewith the PRESIDENT of the U.S. and the U.S. CONGRESS to induce the settlement of our vital matters as well as the correction of our difficult situation, which is caused by bureaucratically negligence and indifference of certain United States representatives.

I thank you in advance.  
Respectfully yours,  
IRMGARD MARGARETA ROMANOFF

Following you will read certain excerpts from my last letters (The whole text of these letters is already published on Jan. 27, 1966 in the "NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE"):

Reg. mail no: 188801 and no: 188802, insured \$5,000 —, dated: Jan. 7, 1966, spec. del. Rel. r.r. Hon. R. F. Farrell, Commissioner of I&N, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., and Hon. P. A. Esperdy District Director, U.S. I&N Service, 10 West Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10007.  
RE: A.R.C.: A12 T 331.

DEAR SIR:

In accordance with the U.S. Department of Justice, Immigration & Naturalization Service, signed by EA. Loughram, Associate Commissioner, on July 7, 1965, now a month ago, received the District Director P. A. Esperdy of U.S. Immigration & Naturalization Service, N. Y. C. via the attorney at law, Mr. J. J. Richman two applications for replacement of alien registration receipt cards, including the necessary and lawful, supporting documents for my husband and myself.

In spite of our request for replacement of alien registration receipt cards, contained in our applications, submitted on JULY 7, 1965 and in spite of the voluminous correspondence (9 registered letters sent by: the Attorney at law, the ANTI-COMMUNIST ACTION SOCIETY and by my husband ALEKSEI NICHOLAEVICH ROMANOFF)—always containing the same legal request—during the entire six months we got nothing else as just one letter dated September 21, 1965 of the Associate Commissioner, Mr. Mario T. NOTO, U.S. I&N, Washington, D. C. with the following incredible advice:

"The District Director of this Service in N. Y. C. has advised that, after careful consideration of the evidence submitted, the applications were denied and notices of the denial were sent to you and your wife."

Where are the denials, regarding our applications, in reference to the replacement of our alien reg. cards, which should sent to us on August 19, 1965? We never received any denials.

What is the reason that no one wants to pay attention to the letter of the Associate Commissioner of the U. S. I&N S. (H.Q.) in Washington, D. C. Mr. E. A. Loughram, dated April 19, 1965? This letter contained very clearly the official information that the letter of my husband ALEKSEI NICHOLAEVICH ROMANOFF dated March 28, 1965 concerning said matter is acknowledged including the supporting documents. Further that we have to

Y. C. and the necessary forms for this are by Mr. Loughram attached. I do not believe that the Associate Commissioner of the H.Q. of U. S. I&N, Washington, D. C. would have sent such a letter respectively the applications if he was having some objections to our lawful request for the replacement of our alien reg. cards. The answer to this questions will be very interesting in connection to some other very strange aspects in this matter.

1. What kind of law in the United States and of the New York State does forbid me the use of the surname under which I married my husband in a lawful ceremony solemnized by the authorized and competent Clergyman, after a legal and rightful Marriage Licence of the CITY CLERK of the CITY NEW YORK was issued? This Marriage was and is lawful, and documented by issue of the Extract from the Parish Register on Marriages by the Synod of Bishops of the Church as well as by issue of Certificate of Marriage Registration of the City Clerk of the City N. Y. as the lawful and authorized representative of the State of New York, and consequently recorded.

2. What kind of law in the United States and of the New York State demands now already 15 months, after our legal Marriage—la use, further a temporary assumed cover-name (on Febr. 24, 1961, given to us by some U. S. officials of C.I.A.)??

3. Why is the U. S. Immigration & Naturalization Service of the U. S. Department of Justice, interested to prevent the replacement of our alien reg. rec. cards, while we are already 15 months under the law of the United States and of New York State Married, and while also in the meantime under the same name our daughter, named IATIANA ALEKSEIEVNA ROMANOFF, is born and registered in the vital

records? Incidentally is she already a legal United States Citizen and in possession of her own U.S. Passport under her said rightful family-name?

While other boards of the U. S. Government or of the New York State are respecting our rightful family-names and dates, including our documents, is certain Mr. NOTO (also Associate Commissioner of the U.S. I&N S.) telling us that we will get a notice of the denial regarding to our applications for the replacement of alien reg. rec. cards. In consequence of this blocking our rightful request to regulate our status, after we are 5 years living in the United States by the Right of political Asylum, are there arose already a lot and harmful repercussions for both of us and also for our baby, for instance: Living under very bad conditions in the United States (like financial, health, security and other important problems) and after a tumour operation, it is very important for me to get some recovery by my Family in Germany. Who has the right and who will force me such a necessary travel for me to do with travel-papers, which contain no rightful and legal names and dates, and show also an other name as appeared in the passport of the U.S.A. of my own daughter??

The same reason—amongst other ones—made it impossible to arrange a BAPTISM for our daughter. What

enforced situation, not only for us, but also for our baby??

Further more have some officials of the C.I.A. broken the U.S. Contract with my husband and did not arrange for us any health and life insurance. In order my husband can arrange such coverage for our Family himself, it is also very necessary to have the legal identification cards with the correct names and dates. By this occasion some questions respectively remarks more: What was the reason that some CIA representatives in spring 1963 collected our first alien registration receipt cards just in order to change our real arrival-day: JANUARY 12, 1961—in April 15, 1961??

Very strange is the fact, that in this connection were no objections on part of the U.S. I&N S.—consequently it is much easier to give us false dates as our correct and legal names and dates. Further more why had we to wait for the first issue of the A.R. cards from January 1961 until October 1961, i.e. 10 MONTHS?? Is that normal and lawful that people to whom the right of political Asylum is granted have to live nearly 10 months without any papers also without Alien reg. cards??

I want just my RIGHT: The replacement of our a.r.r. cards as requested in our applications as well as in certain letters of our attorney and also in certain letters and telegrams of my husband. In view of the foregoing during the last 10 months I am not willing and also not able to wait any longer. Consequently I am forced to ask you, Dear Sirs, to induce the settlement in said matter.

Ultimately I want just to emphasize that I never married my husband under the name "GOLENIIEWSKI" nor did I ever use this name. Such kind of calling me — as the Associate Commissioner of U.S. I&N S., in his letter to the Chairman of the ANTI-COMMUNIST ACTION SOCIETY in PHILADELPHIA, PA., Mr. E. A. NEWNAM, dated August 19, 1965, did — is an insolence, misrepresentation of facts and an attempt to libelous manipulation against my person.

I hope that you will excuse me for the fact that my knowledge of the english language is somewhat unsatisfactory but I hope also that you will understand the contents of this letter very well.

Sincerely,  
(—)Irmgard Margareta Romanoff.  
Reg. mail no: 189030 and no: 189031, insured \$5,000.—dated January 10, 1966, sp. D., r.r.

Hon. Michael A. FEIGHAN, Chairman of the Subcommittee of Immigration & Naturalization, House of Representatives, U. S. CAPITOL, Washington, D.C., and copy to his residence.

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Address: 4000 CATHEDRAL AV., NW,  
Washington, D.C.

RE: A.R.C.: A12 727 331 (H.R. 5507).

Enclosed you will find a copy of my letter, dated Jan. 7, 1966, and sent by registered and insured mail to: Hon. R. F. Farrell, Commissioner of U.S. I & N S., and Hon. P. A. Esperdy, District Dir. U.S. I & N S., which I am sending you referring to the fact, that you are very well informed — now, since more than two years — about our absolutely unusual and enforced situation. Also you are very familiar with certain reasons which caused this unlucky status. One of the best sources for these informations was a copy of my husband's letter dated June 13 1961 and insured mail no. 3874 to the PRESIDENT of the UNITED STATES, Mr. JOHN F. KENNEDY, which you got for your personal attention and intervention.

As you will remember was this also the principal reason for your first visit with the two officers of the U.S. CONGRESS, Mr. CORSO and Mr. O'CONNOR, in our apartment on August 2, 1963. You discussed with my husband and also with myself many of our problems and difficulties regarding to our life in the United States. We spoke about security and financial problems, about matters in reference to the contract between the C.I.A. and my husband, naturalization, e.t.c., as well as about the fact that the voluntary and anonymously — also for me at this time — service of my husband for the national security of the U.S.A. and its western Allies, as stated by C.I.A. in the Memorandum of I & N Service in re: H.R. 5507 and also in the Appreciation-Letter of the BRITISH SECURITY SERVICE in re: PT-774,286/D., forced myself to flee with my husband to the WEST. You left us with many affirmations of your appreciation for our frustration and our difficulties as well as with many promises that everything will be cleared up during a very short time, in spite of the fact, that since that time (now already 20 months after this conversation took place) nothing is cleared up — on the contrary; our situation is worse than ever. I am still respecting this personal meeting and said conversation with you, Sir. For that reason it is my obligation to inform you once again about the very poor and lawless conditions under which we have to live as persons to whom the Right of political Asylum in the United States by its GOVERNMENT was granted. One of our principal problems, amongst many other ones, you can see from the enclosed copy of my letters, in consideration of the fact that you, SIR, are the Chairman of the Subcommittee of Immigration & Naturalization, of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. I have to ask you also for immediately help. Ultimately I want just to tell you that we are still forced since January 1964, i. e. 3 months after the new U.S. Contract of C.I.A. with my husband, of October 7, 1963 (by your support) was signed — to continue our life, now with our in the meantime born daughter, for \$500 — per month, here in New York City, without any health and life insurance, without any legal protection from part of C.I.A. and also without any other remunerations contained in the U.S. Contract of October 7, 1963, and promised to us in the name of the U.S. Government. Believing, Dear Sir, in your support and good intention, in order to correct our enforced, poor and lawless situation, I thank you in advance. Please be so kindly and acknowledge this letter. I am looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Respectfully yours,  
(—) IRMGARD MARGARETA ROMANOFF

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**POST SCRIPTUM:** While my OPEN LETTER of January 27, 1966 was printed in one of the biggest newspapers in the UNITED STATES, I received just two letters on part of the readers. That these letters contain nothing else as several offences as well as certain libelous statements, not only against myself but for the most part against the PRESIDENT of the U.S.A., against the U. S. GOVERNMENT and the AMERICAN PEOPLE is a very shameful fact.

**NEW YORK CITY, FEBRUARY 6, 1966, IRMGARD MARGARETA ROMANOFF.**

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